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The International Refugee Problem (U)

Summary

Most refugees originate in developing countries. They are the unhappy byproducts of war, civil unrest, and social and economic uncertainty. A recent estimate of global refugees places the number of people currently in need of protection by, and care and maintenance from, the international community at 7.7 million. This figure excludes those who receive assistance from national or local rather than international sources and those who have means of their own. The cost of these refugee movements is large; the United States spent more than \$1 billion in 1983. (U)

Despite recent success in coping with the problems of some refugees in Southeast Asia and Africa, we expect the problems of refugee movements and the need for assistance to continue at near current levels. Central America remains the most likely area for a rapid increase in refugees. (U)

The generating countries inevitably lose valuable human capital when their citizens flee abroad, and for receiving countries the advent of refugees, especially those of different ethnic backgrounds, is often an unexpected and unwelcome event. (U)

Regional Survey

South Asia. The Marxist coup in Afghanistan in 1978 followed by the Soviet invasion and the subsequent war between USSR/Democratic Republic of Afghanistan forces and the Mujahedin freedom fighters have created the largest current refugee population in the world. Fleeing from political repression, the threat of religious persecution, and the ravages of war, an estimated 3 million Afghans have found sanctuary in

On an individual level, the toll levied in human misery can barely be comprehended. Fear, malnutrition, disease, and death are both the precipitators and constant companions of refugee flight. Refugee movements can also work hardships at the national level.



Refugees lined up to receive relief donations
at the refugee camp in Jordan, children
and the elderly.



1. M. - Karam valley. 11. 12. 1941. 1941.



2. M. - Karam valley. 11. 12. 1941. 1941.



Afghan Pushtun. Exemplify the strong and adaptable character of Pushtun tribesmen. (L)



Afghan refugees building mud-walled compound in refugee village north of Peshawar. (L)



Higher Position
adaptable to terrain